

Amendment to Claims

This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this Application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1. (CANCELLED)

Claim 2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An elongate structural chase beam adapted for assembly in a building frame as a unit extending laterally between, and with opposite ends anchored to, a pair of upright columns, and further adapted to accommodate the vertical passage of selected building infrastructure through, and generally within the vertical plane containing the long axis of, the beam, said beam comprising

a pair of longitudinally spaced end portions defining opposite ends of the beam, wherein each end portion includes an I-beam component possessing spaced flanges with spaced, opposite-side pairs of outwardly facing lateral edges, and

a pair of elongate, laterally spaced and generally parallel spanner portions extending between and having opposite ends operatively joined to said end portions, the space between said spanner portions defining a vertically clear chase passage extending as a clear space through the beam generally about a plane containing the beam's long axis, ~~wherein each of said spanner portions includes a channel~~ each spanner portion taking the form of a channel including a central web and a pair of spaced flanges extending from one side of the central web, with the spanner portions and each end portion being joined in a manner whereby the spanner portions'

central webs are anchored to the lateral edges of different ones of associated, opposite-side pairs of the end portion's outwardly facing lateral edges, with the flanges in the spanner-portions extending outwardly away from the attached end-portion.

Claim 3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The chase beam of claim 2, wherein at least one of said end portions includes an overload fuse.

Claim 4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The chase beam of claim 2, wherein each of said end portion includes an overload fuse.

Claim 5. (CANCELLED)

Claim 6. (CANCELLED)